GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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REVIEW ON SLOT TIME MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Airlines lose crores on fuel burned by aircraft while hovering over Indira Gandhi International Airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has decided to review the `slot time management` to see how peak hours congestion can be eased;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the Government proposes to introduce budget airlines during the non-peak hours; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a)&(b): Some Airlines do not maintain details related to delays due to `landing restrictions` or late clearance for take off which lead to additional fuel burn. It is, therefore, difficult to workout loss on fuel cost due to the traffic congestion.

(c)&(d): Yes, Sir. The Government have after careful examination decided that Summer Schedule 2007 should be finalised keeping in view approved Winter Schedule 2006 on one hand and the runway capacities of the airports available on the other hand. The summer Schedule 2007 has been finalised accordingly.

(e): No, Sir.

(f): Does not arise.